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Research Areas

Demagoguery, populism, and popular leadership in American national government

Areas of Teaching Competence

Public law: constitutional law, judicial politics, constitutional theory

Political theory: history of political thought, normative political theory

American politics: Presidency, American political thought and development

Education

Ph.D., Government, 2020 (expected), The University of Texas at Austin

Dissertation: “The Uses and Abuses of Demagoguery in American National Government”

Committee: Jeffrey Tulis and Russell Muirhead (co-chairs), Devin Stauffer, Gary Jacobsohn

M.A., Government, 2017, The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., Liberal Arts, 2015, St. John’s College, Annapolis

Intensive Greek, Summer 2013, The University of Arizona

Scholarly Publications

Research Articles

“The Republican Theories of Rousseau and the American Anti-Federalists,” *Australian Journal of Politics & History* (accepted).

“The Rhetorical Presidency Made Flesh: A Political Science Classic in the Age of Donald Trump,” *Critical Review: A Journal of Politics and Society* 30, 3-4 (2018): 347-368.

“Could Political Science Become Diagnostic? Restoring a Forgotten Method,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 48, 1 (2019): 56-63.

Review Article

“Demagoguery as Pathology: Interpreting European Politics Today,” *Perspectives on Political Science* (2019). (doi.org/10.1080/10457097.2019.1579610)

Critical Dialogue

“Nietzsche’s Final Teaching” (with Michael Gillespie and Ronald Beiner), *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 44, 3 (Spring 2018): 425-449.

Publications in Progress

“Creating a Demagogue: Daniel Shays’ Erroneous Legacy in American Political Development.” (revise and resubmit)

“‘A Proper Object for the Care of Government’: The Obamacare Precedents Debate Revisited.” (under review)

Courses Taught

Spring 2020 (accepted position): UT undergraduate Government class

Spring 2018: Senior Seminar, “Comparative Constitutional Design: US, UK, and France, PSCI4307 (UG17)-1” (class funded by Center for European Studies, taught at Huston Tillotson University)

Major Grants and Fellowships

UT Graduate School Fellowship (accepted), \$19,906
UT College of Liberal Arts Summer Fellowship (accepted), \$7,640
Jack Miller Center Summer Fellowship (accepted)
University of Konstanz Research Grant, €2,500
Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant, \$10,000
UT Recurring Recruitment Fellowship, \$20,000
UT Summer Funding 2018, \$4,207
Center for European Studies Teaching Fellowship, \$2,000
Jefferson Center Scholarship, \$1,500
UT Summer Funding, \$4,107
Publius Fellowship, \$2,200
Clements Center Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000
Hertog Political Studies Fellowship, \$3,000

Honors

Robert Wood Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, NEPSA 2017 (nominated)
St. John’s College Caritas Society Community Service Award, 2015
Annapolis City Council Citation for Public Service, 2014

Invited Lectures

“From Nature to History: The Search for Intelligible Necessities in Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Nietzsche,” St. John’s College, Annapolis, 07/12/2017.

Major Conference Activity

UT Law School Works-in-Progress Roundtable in Comparative Law, invited discussant, 05/21/2019, Austin, TX.

“‘A Proper Object for the Care of Government’: The Obamacare Precedents Debate Revisited,” Panel Presentation, Shawnee Trail Conference, 03/2019, Columbus, MO.

“Daniel Shays and the Question of Oligarchy at the Founding,” Panel Presentation, 2018 APSA

Conference, 08/31/2018, Boston, MA.

“Demagoguery and the American Presidency: A Preliminary Investigation,” Panel Presentation, Shawnee Trail Conference, 04/19/2018, Colorado Springs, CO.

“Demagoguery and the American Presidency: A Preliminary Investigation,” Panel Presentation, MPSA Conference, 04/06/2018, Chicago, IL.

“Xenophon’s Plan in the *Hellenica*: Logic and Pedagogical Purpose,” Panel Presentation, 2017 MPSA Conference, 04/08/2017, Chicago, IL.

“The Powers of the North: Thucydides on Barbarism,” Panel Presentation, 2017 MPSA Conference, 04/07/2017, Chicago, IL.

“*The Leviathan* and its Critics: Hobbes, Weber, Strauss, and Malatesta,” Panel Chair and Discussant, 2017 NEPSA Conference, 04/22/2016, Providence, RI.

“The Powers of the North: Thucydides on Barbarism,” Panel Presentation, 2017 NEPSA Conference, 04/21/2017, Providence, RI (Nominated for Robert Wood Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper).

“Problems in Ancient Political Thought,” Panel Chair, 2016 NPSA Conference, 11/11/2016, Boston, MA.

“The Socratic Critique of Law in Plato’s *Crito*,” Panel Presentation, 2016 NPSA Conference, 11/11/2016, Boston, MA.

“The Socratic Critique of Law in Plato’s *Crito*,” Panel Presentation, 2016 WPSA Conference, 04/12/2016, San Diego, CA.

Punditry on Constitutional Issues

(with Connor M. Ewing) “What happened to the State of the Union address?” *The Washington Post* (01/30/2018).

“Toward a More Perfect Originalism,” *Law & Liberty* (08/31/2018).

“Flake’s exit from Senate won’t fix GOP hyperpartisanship,” *Austin American-Statesman* (11/01/2017).

“Against Senate Resolution 355,” *Claremont Review of Books* Online (09/10/2018).

“Constitutional Bureaucracy? Exchange with John Marini,” *Claremont Review of Books* 18, 2 (Spring 2018): 3-4.

Advising and Mentoring

Advisor, UT Senior Thesis, Pauline Hodencq

“An Interwar Case of Reforming the French Civic Code”

Mentor, University of Texas Pre-Graduate Mentorship Program

Pauline Hodencq

Corey Herndon (University of Texas at Austin)

Carey Balden (University of Chicago)

Nicholas James (London School of Economics; University of Oxford)

Mentor, University of Texas Government Department Graduate Mentorship Program

Fall 2018-Spring 2019: Jonathan Jiang; Fall 2017-Spring 2018: Samuel Mead

TA and Discussion-Section Experience

Spring 2019: Gary Jacobsohn, "The Structure of Individual Liberties," GOV 357M.

Fall 2018: Gary Jacobsohn, "Constitutional Structures and Powers," GOV 357.

Summer 2018: Stephanie Holmsten, "Gender and Politics in a Comparative Perspective," GOV f365N.

Spring 2018: Gary Jacobsohn, "The Structure of Individual Liberties," GOV 357M.

"Issues & Policies in American Government" GOV 312L, Discussion Group Leader, Fall 2017.

Fall 2017: Dana Stauffer, "Issues & Policies in American Government" GOV 312L.

Summer 2017: Eric McDaniel, "Introduction to American Government" GOV 310L 38495, 38500.

Spring 2017: Daron Shaw & Eric McDaniel, "Introduction to American Government" GOV 310L.

"The Challenge of the Greeks" UGS 303, Discussion Group Leader, Fall 2016.

Fall 2016: Thomas Pangle, "The Challenge of the Greeks" UGS 303.

Spring 2016: Maurizio Viroli, "Theoretical Foundations of Modern Politics" GOV 351D.

Fall 2015: Devin Stauffer, "Classical Quest for Justice" GOV 351C.

Other Talks, Presentations, and Conference Activity

"The Supply Tool of Power? A New Theorization of Judicial Politics Principles," UT Public Law Conference, Austin, TX 10/25-26/2018.

Dissertation Presentation, Graduate Pre-Dissertation Workshop, UT Austin Government Department, 03/08/2018.

"Introduction to Xenophon's IR Theory," Clemens Center Graduate Fellows presentation, 11/06/2017.

Panel Presentation on Rousseau and the Anti-Federalists, IHS Graduate Student Colloquium, Washington, D.C., 10/13-15/2017.

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association.

Foreign Languages and Teaching Skills

Ancient Greek (excellent reading), French & Spanish (some spoken and reading); SPSS.

References

Available on request.